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NEW IN 2004!

There's something for everyone at the Morton Grove Public Library! Make a resolution to start off the New Year by attending a new program, using a new database, or checking out new books, DVDs, and other materials. Listed below are just a few of the new services at your Library:

Wee Read is a lapsit program for infants from birth up to 24 months. This engaging program for infants and their caregivers meets every Friday at 11 am.

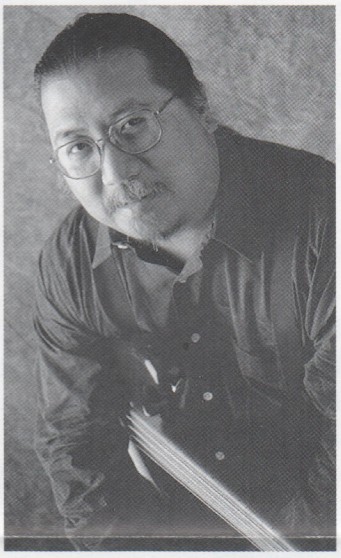
Readers Theater is designed for children grades 2 and up. Participants rehearse reading plays based on children's stories and then perform the play, reading for an audience. Kids can have fun reading and performing on stage. See page 4 for more information.

Anime Club: This newly formed club is designed for teens who are interested in anime films. The club will meet on the first Monday of every month (except September) at 7 pm to watch and discuss selected anime films. See page 3 for more details.

Learn how to use the Library's computer catalog: Please call 847-965-4220 to schedule an appointment for individual hands-on instruction in how to use iBistro, the Library's computer catalog.

Public Records Database: Public records for seven Chicagoland counties are now available online. You can use the Library's computers or your home computer to look up new homeowners and businesses, foreclosures, bankruptcies, and more.

Multimedia Language Instruction Database: You can learn any of 24 languages, including English as a second language, with Rosetta Stone, an online multimedia language instruction database. You can listen to correct pronunciation, practice writing and speaking, and learn the rules of grammar – on a Library computer or using your home computer. Go to www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html.



Steven Hashimoto of Mothra

Mothra Presents a Concert of Asian Music

Sunday, January 25, 2 pm

Mothra has a long history of jazz performances in the Chicago area. Their repertoire consists of original music composed by leader and bassist Steven Hashimoto and reflects musical influences from all over the world, with an emphasis on Asia. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Quicken: A Class in Two Parts

Saturday, February 21, at 10 am
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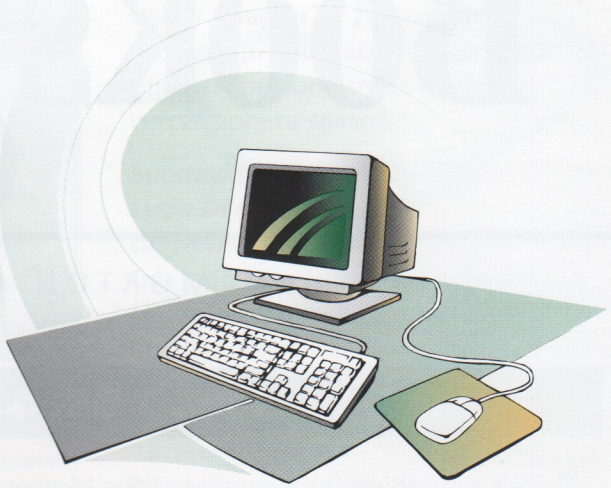
Saturday, February 28, at 10 am

Get your finances in order for 2004! Jennifer Didier, General Manager of Directions Training, will introduce you to Quicken, a powerful computer program you can use to balance your checkbook, reconcile your bank statements, pay bills, and much more. Note: This is not a hands-on class.

Registration is required and applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk at the Library.



Whirlwind Tour of China

Sunday, January 11, 2 pm

Bill Tong, a fourth-generation Chinese-American, presents a colorful and informative slide show of a ten-city tour of China. Learn about the past as well as present-day China.

Reiki: The Ancient Art of Hands-on Energy Healing

Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am

Wendy Jordan, Certified Reiki Master/Teacher, will discuss the uses of reiki, for hands-on energy healing for the spirit, mind, and body. Its effects include relaxation, stress and pain management, faster recovery from surgery, clearer thinking and a sense of well-being.

Visit Sweden with Myrla Brand

Wednesday, February 18, 7 pm

See Myrla Brand's slides of the country of Alfred Nobel, Pippi Longstocking, smorgasbord, IKEA, and the Glass Kingdom. Learn about Sweden's costumes, food, castles and rock carvings, and why so many buildings are painted red.

Cooking for One or Two

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 pm

Learn how to plan and prepare healthy, nutritious meals for one or two people in this cooking demo presented by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. Class size is limited to 50. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion: Second Wednesday of Each Month, at 1:30 pm

January 14: *Old Men at Midnight* by Chaim Potok

February 11: *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende

All Booked Up: Third Thursday Morning at 10 am

January 15*: Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

February 19: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

Thinking Out Loud: Fourth Tuesday Evening Book Group, at 7:30 pm

January 27: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather

February 24: *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner

Exhibits at the Library

January

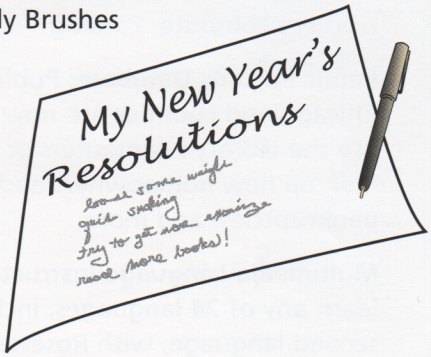
In the Baxter Room: Photography of antique cars and nature by Mark Wagner

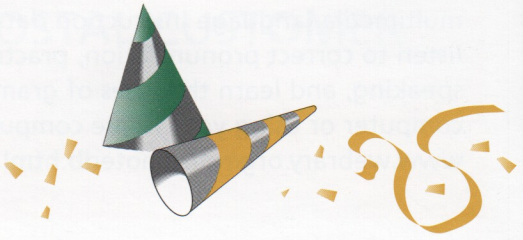
In the Lincoln Avenue entry display case: Diane Grigg exhibits paintings, calligraphy, and photography illustrating how you can nurture your creativity.

February

In the Baxter Room: Scenic landscapes and animals photographed by Dr. Garry Melnick

In the Lincoln Avenue entry display case: Tole painting by Windy Brushes





Wired The Teen Corner

Anime Club

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join the Library's new Anime Club. Beginning January 5, the club will meet on the first Monday of every month (except September) to watch and discuss selected anime/manga films. For further information, call Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian, at 847-965-4220. January 5, the film will be *Metropolis*, rated PG-13, 108 minutes. February 2 the club will view *Castle in the Sky,* unrated, 124 minutes.

Get on Board and Read @ Your Library

Skateboard legend Tony Hawk is the spokesperson for this national contest sponsored by the American Library Association and Hershey's Milk to promote teen reading. The grand prize winner will be flown to meet Tony Hawk during the Boom Boom Huck Jam Tour in 2004. The contest is open to U.S. residents between 12 and 18 years of age (as of 11/10/03). Prizes will also be awarded to seven finalists. You can enter as an individual or with a team. There are two ways to enter after selecting and reading a book:

Submit an essay that is no more that two typed pages double-spaced describing what the message of the book is and why the message is meaningful to you and/or your team

Submit a "creative" entry that describes the message of the book and why the message is meaningful to you and/or your team. Creative entries can be a poem, painting, video, etc.

Entries must be mailed, postmarked by April 23, 2004, and received by April 30, 2004.

For further information and entry forms, please contact Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian at 847-965-4220, or by email at info@webrary.org. Or, you can look up the rules for the contest at: http://www.hersheymilk.com/getonboard/getonboard/rules.asp

Make a 2004 Calendar

Friday, January 2, 1 pm: Pre-schoolers
Friday, January 2, 4 pm: K – Grade 6

Create your own calendar for 2004! Kids can design their own calendars for 2004 in this first craft session of the new year. Preschoolers are invited to make their calendars at 1:00 pm; children in kindergarten through grade 6 may make theirs at 4:00 pm. Registration is required; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Drop by Crafts

Saturdays: January 10 and 24, February 7 and 28 from 9-5

Drop by anytime in the Youth Services Department on the following Saturdays and make a craft (while supplies last): January 10, January 24, February 7 and February 28. No registration needed.

Battle of the Books

Calling all 7th and 8th Graders!

Battle of the Books Teams will be forming soon. Ask your school librarian if your school is going to have a team. For more information, contact the Youth Services Desk.

Mark Your Calendar! Green Eggs and Ham

Saturday, March 6, 2 pm

Celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss with these clever musical versions of two of his most popular stories, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Yertle the Turtle*. Emerald City Theater Company presents a fun-filled performance sure to entertain the whole family. **Registration begins February 23**; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Babysitting Basics

Lt. Bill Porter (L) with students in the November Babysitting Basics class at the Library. The next class will be held in May; watch for details in the Library and in *Books & Beyond*.

Drop by and meet Terry Carey, the Library's new Head of Youth Services. Mrs. Carey and the entire Youth Services staff are planning many exciting projects for the children of Morton Grove, both in the Library and online, at the Kids' Webrary, www.webrary.org/kids. Three new programs for 2004 are listed below.

Lunch with Junie B. Jones

Saturday, January 17, 11:30 am

If you know her, you love her! If you don't know her, come meet her! Who is she? She's Junie B. Jones – sometimes naughty, sometimes nice, but always funny. Come to the Library Saturday, January 17, at 11:30 am, and hear Junie B's latest book (the whole thing) while you munch on cheese pizza. There will be other surprises too! For ages 6 and up. **Registration begins December 22;** call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Readers Theater

Monday, January 26, 3:30-4:40: ***And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon***

Monday, February 9, 3:30-4:40: ***Cook-a-Doodle-Doo!***

New! Readers Theater – where children rehearse reading plays based on children's stories and then perform the play, reading for an audience. Children in grades 2 and up may register for one or both of the plays. (Class limit: 12)

Arthur Party for Grades K-3

Monday, February 16, 2 pm

Come to an Arthur theme party! Children in grades K-3 are invited to a fun afternoon based on Marc Brown's character, Arthur. Join us for stories, games and a snack. **Registration begins January 26;** call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Barry North, Yo-Yo Man

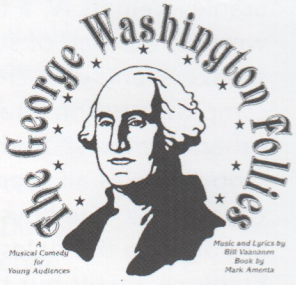
Yo-Yo Man Starring Barry North

Monday, January 19, 2 pm

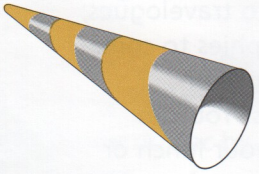
The Yo-Yo Man will thrill and delight the audience with his skillful mastery of the art of "yo-yoing." With special musical accompaniment, this fun and educational event will delight kids of all ages. Free yo-yos will be given to all children who attend. **Registration begins December 29, 2003**; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

George Washington Follies

Saturday, February 21, 2 pm


The George Washington Follies
A Musical Comedy for Young Audiences
Music and Lyrics by Bill Vaananen
Book by Mark Amenta

Celebrate President's Day with this upbeat and clever performance by Face to Face Productions. George Washington is brought to life in this ingenious theatrical portrait of our first president, complete with song, dance and witty dialogue. **Registration begins January 20.** Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.



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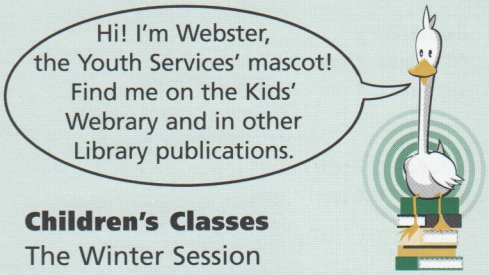

Children's Classes

The Winter Session runs from January 5 to February 27. There are still openings for winter classes; please call for availability.

Library Playtime

For 2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Please choose one of the following times. For ages 3 – Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesdays 10 am
Thursdays 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1 – 2
Tuesdays 7 pm
Class limit – 12

The following activities require no advance registration and are held every week.

Tuesdays at 10 am: **ReadToMe!** – Volunteer Grandmas share stories and rhymes with preschoolers and their caregivers.

Fridays at 11 am: **Wee Read** Lapsit Program for ages 0-24 months. Hear songs, stories and enjoy playtime!

Special Events

1/2	Fri.	1pm	Calendar Craft for Preschoolers; reg. required
1/2	Fri.	4pm	Calendar Craft for K-Gr. 6; reg. required
1/10	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Crafts
1/17	Sat.	11:30am	*Lunch with Junie B. Jones:* registration required
1/19	Mon.	2pm	*Yo-Yo Man: Barry North:* registration required
1/24	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Crafts
1/26	Mon.	3:30pm	Readers Theater: *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon:* registration required
2/7	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Crafts
2/9	Mon.	3:30pm	Readers Theater: *Cook-a-Doodle-Doo!:* registration required
2/16	Mon.	2pm	*Arthur Party:* registration required
2/21	Sat.	2pm	*George Washington Follies:* registration required
2/28	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Crafts

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CALENDAR

January

1/1	Thurs.	Closed for New Year's Day	
1/2	Fri.	1 pm	Preschoolers Make a 2004 Calendar: Youth Services: registration required
1/2	Fri.	2 pm	Family Film
1/2	Fri.	4 pm	Grades K-6 Make a 2004 Calendar: Youth Services: registration required
1/5	Mon.	7 pm	Anime Club for Teens
1/8	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
1/10	Sat	10-5	Drop-in Craft: Youth Services
1/11	Sun.	2 pm	*Whirlwind Tour of China* with Bill Tong
1/14	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion of *Old Men at Midnight* by Chaim Potok
1/15	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up discussion of *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
1/15	Thurs.	2 & 7	Feature Film
1/17	Sat.	11:30 am	*Junie B. Jones Party* for ages 6 and up: registration required
1/18	Sun.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile of *Lucia Di Lammermoor* presented by Dr. Michael Altman
1/19	Mon.	1 pm	*Yo-Yo Man: Barry North:* registration required
1/24	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Craft: Youth Services
1/25	Sun.	2 pm	*Mothra: Asian Music Concert*
1/26	Mon.	3:30 pm	Readers Theater: *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon:* registration required
1/27	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud discussion of *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather

February

2/1	Sun.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile: *Madama Butterfly*
2/2	Mon.	7 pm	Anime Club for Teens
2/7	Sat.	10 am	*Reiki* – Wendy Jordan
2/7	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Craft: Youth Services
2/9	Mon.	3:30 pm	Readers Theater: *Cook-a-Doodle-Doo*
2/11	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende
2/12	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
2/15	Sun.	2 pm	*Afternoon of Love:* Concert by Dee Alexander
2/16	Mon.	2 pm	*Arthur Party* for Grades K – 3: registration required
2/18	Wed.	7 pm	*Sweden* with Myrla Brand
2/12	Thurs.	2 & 7 pm	Feature Film
2/21	Sat.	10 am	*Quicken, Part 1,* with Jennifer Didier: registration required
2/21	Sat.	2 pm	*George Washington Follies:* registration required
2/24	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud discussion of *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner
2/26	Thurs.	7 pm	*Cooking for One or Two* – U of I Cooperative Extension Service: registration required
2/28	Sat.	10 am	*Quicken, Part 2* with Jennifer Didier: registration required
2/28	Sat.	10-5	Drop-in Craft: Youth Services
2/29	Sun.	2 pm	Family Film

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

FEATURE FILMS

Seabiscuit
Rated PG-13, 141 minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2 and 7 pm
Don't stall! Come to the movie box office hit about the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit. Linda Hillenbrand's bestseller, *Seabiscuit,* is faithfully portrayed in this movie, which was filmed on location at Keeneland and Santa Anita race tracks.

The Italian Job
PG-13, 110 minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2 and 7 pm
Mark Wahlberg stars as Charlie, who takes over as the head of a gang of high-tech thieves after his mentor, played by Donald Sutherland, is killed. The film begins with a high-speed boat chase through the canals of Venice and the action never stops as the characters double-cross a double crosser and move from Venice to Los Angeles.

FAMILY FILMS

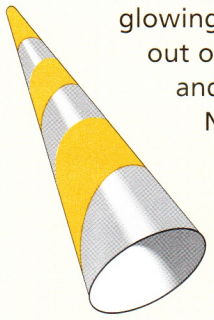
Holes
Rated PG, 111 minutes
Friday, January 2, 2 pm
This film is based on Louis Sachar's book, *Holes.* The story is about Stanley Yelnats IV, a teenager who is wrongly accused of stealing a pair of sneakers, and who chooses a work camp over prison. Stanley and the other "campers" find themselves digging holes all over dried-up Green Lake. The boys are told they are digging the holes because it builds character but they soon discover that the "warden" is really searching for buried treasure.

Whale Rider
Rated PG-13, 101 minutes
Sunday, February 29, 2 pm
Whale Rider is based on the book of the same name by Maori novelist Witi Ihimaera. Keisha Castle-Hughes portrays 12-year-old Pai, the granddaughter of Koro, a Maori chief. Koro is anxious to find a successor, yet stubbornly refuses to train his granddaughter for the role of chief. The fearless Pai goes about challenging traditions and earns her place in the tribe.

ANIME FILMS

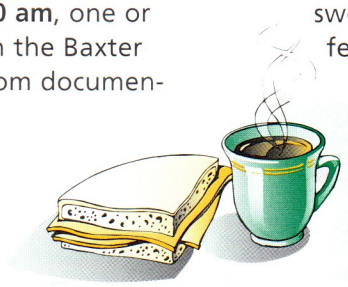
Metropolis
Rated PG-13, 108 minutes
Monday, January 5, 7 pm
Evil Duke Red plans to take over the world by creating a robot to rule all the machines in the world. Detective Shunsaku Ban and his nephew Kenichi pursue Evil Duke Red and his henchmen in a grand effort to save humanity.

Castle in the Sky
Unrated, 124 minutes
Monday, February 2, 7 pm
Pazu, an orphan, is caught up in a thrilling adventure after Sheeta, a young girl wearing a glowing pendant, floats out of the night sky and into his life. Now, the pair must soar above the clouds to find the legendary floating city of Laputa and its treasures.



Movies, Munchies and More!

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, one or two films are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues; biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events with either a live performance or a feature film. Plus, a drawing is held for door prizes.



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HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5, 9/8 through 5/19
Closed Sundays 5/25-8/31

Vocalist Dee Alexander

An Afternoon of Love: Dee Alexander Concert

Sunday, February 15, 2 pm

Renowned Chicago vocalist Dee Alexander performs a musical valentine in a concert that will include every music genre: from popular to jazz, from gospel to blues. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lyric Opera Profiles

In January and February, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera presents profiles about two romantic operatic performances from the current opera season.

Sunday, January 18, 2:00 pm:
Lucia Di Lammermoor
Dr. Michael Altman will discuss Gaetano Donizetti's tragic love story, *Lucia Di Lammermoor.* Lucia's own brother drives her to murder and madness in his attempts to prevent her from marrying Edgardo of Ravenswood because of long-standing family rivalries.

Sunday, February 1, 2:00 pm:
Madama Butterfly
A profile of Giacomo Puccini's romantic opera *Madama Butterfly,* will be presented by John Rizzo. Cio-Cio-San, a geisha, falls in love with and marries Navy Lieutenant Pinkerton, who breaks her heart when he abandons her for an American wife.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Early closing at 5 pm:
Wednesday, December 31 for New Year's Eve

Closed:
Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day

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